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This communication is responsive to the Office action mailed on September 17, 2002, which set forth an election of species requirement. The Office action identified the following three species for election:

Species I: composition as disclosed from line 23, page 5 to line 2, page 6.

Species II: composition as disclosed in lines 3-22, page 11.

Species III: composition as disclosed in lines 1-10, page 12.

Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, Species II for prosecution on the merits. Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims (e.g., claims 1-52) are readable on the elected species.

Applicant respectfully submits that it would not impose a serious burden on the Office to examine the identified species together in a single application. For example, there is an overlap between the disclosed compositions in Species II and III.

Should any question arise, Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner kindly telephone Applicant's attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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